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- 1. EL NACIONAL, VENEZUELA'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER, FRONT PAGES HEADLINES THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL VISIT VENEZUELA NEXT MAY "TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS ON PETROLEUM AND QUESTION OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT", CITING ONLY "AUTHORIZED SOURCES IN CARACAS." THIS STORY IS PROBABLY NOTHING LESS THAT SPECULATION, BUT LIKEWISE ON FRONT PAGE EL NACIONAL CARRIES AN AP DISPATCH HEADLINED "SHULTZ TO CARACAS FOR PETROLEUM CONVERSATIONS."
- 2. IF IN FACT SECRETARY OF TREASURY DOES INTEND TO DISCUSS PETROLEUM WITH OFFICIALS OF NEW VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT, WE SHOULD LIKE TO BE INFORMED IN ORDER THAT NOT ONLY NECESSARY APPOINTMENTS CAN BE LINED UP BUT THAT WE ALSO BE TOLD WHAT LINE OF POLICY SECRETARY OF TREASURY MIGHT FOLLOW.

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